

Kettle's Yard Environmental Policy

In writing this policy we have been inspired by and in some cases have directly quoted from the Gallery Climate Coalition's 'Decarbonisation Action Plan'

https://galleryclimatecoalition.org/usr/library/documents/main/gcc_decarbonisation_action_plan_2021.pdf

Kettle's Yard is an institution of the University, which has a policy and framework within which we work:

Our Environmental Sustainability Vision is that the University of Cambridge is committed to making a positive impact through outstanding environmental sustainability performance.

Our policy framework shows how our environmental sustainability vision aligns with the University mission and one of its core values. It contains four underpinning principles and three priority areas, and conveys the University's key environmental sustainability impacts and the supporting approaches available to manage these impacts. In order to deliver our policy aspirations, the University will need to implement our multi-step Environmental Sustainability Strategy. Read the policy here: <https://www.environment.admin.cam.ac.uk/policy>

Principles

- Environmental responsibility is everyone's job – contributing to environmental sustainability is part of everyone's job and embedded in daily decision making.
- Carbon literacy is key to achieving the above - so that everyone understands how to make good decisions and understands the problems.
- Environmental responsibility needs to be embedded across the organisation and part of all decision making, it should be baked in from the start of all projects, not an add on.
- We will use our networks to lobby for change – e.g. with Plus Tate and University of Cambridge Museums.
- We will stay connected to opportunities within the University to contribute to climate action.
- We support a circular economy - it's not all about carbon footprint.....'Put simply: we must waste less and reuse, repair and recycle more - this is the essential concept behind a circular economy.' 'Do less, make less, own less'. We will reuse or repurpose whenever possible.

- When we purchase new equipment, we will consider the environmental impact and the energy efficiency of all equipment including but not limited to printers, kettles, refrigerators, lights. As part of this we will actively consider different options and sustainability will help to inform our decision making.
- We will work with the central University to improve our local access to data about Kettle's Yard energy use and waste so that we can better measure our environmental impact every year and set targets for reduction.
- We commit to understanding the largest parts of our carbon footprint so that we can prioritise the things that make the biggest difference.
- We will encourage change across the supply chain and with all those we work with.
- We will use our voice to communicate about environmental sustainability, letting audiences know about initiatives at Kettle's Yard and elsewhere.

How we work

We are committed to continuing the dedicated Environmental Responsibility staff group, which includes people from across the organisation. This group is committed to:

- Meeting once every two months to monitor progress against our action plan
- Setting targets, reviewing them regularly and reporting these to the wider staff team and committee
- Sharing successes
- Updating and reviewing our plan and policy once a year

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